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Summit on
Bedford Park
drainage problem

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Dear Mr. Snell:

This correspondence is in response to your letter of November 4, 1976, requesting to lease additional Illinois and Michigan Canal property adjacent to Bedford Park in Cook County.

The Department of Conservation has now briefly reviewed both your request and the area of the Canal you wish to fill with boiler house cinders and fly ash. The Department of Conservation has no objections to the concept of your proposed project generally. However, because of the inherent surface water runoff and drainage problems which we have experienced all along the Canal in the past, we feel we must request additional information and guarantees that the filling operation proposed by your agency has been sufficiently considered and adequate provisions for all existing drainage through or into this area have been made.

Therefore, the Department of Conservation, Division of Lands and Historic Sites, does hereby state our intentions to lease certain state owned lands referred to as the Illinois and Michigan Canal located between the Villages of Summit and Justice for the purpose of disposal of approved solid waste land fill materials (provided that all of the State and Federal permit requirements are met and complied with). This would include the obtaining of a State of Illinois EPA Developmental Permit which would require a study and review of the existing drainage patterns.

Following the above compliance, a lease can be prepared for the use of the land in question and a State EPA Operations Permit and a U.S. Corps of Engineers approval can then be obtained.

Thank you for your attention to the above matter.

cc: C. E. Clark, EPA
President, Village of
Bedford Park
Des Plaines Mosquito
Abatement District

Sincerely yours,

Charles L. Tamminga
Associate Director for
Lands & Historic Sites